इलाहाबाद जिले में खाना पकाने की गैस (एल. पी. जी.) के कनेक्शनों के लिए पंजीकरण

884. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय इलाहाबाद जिले में कितने लोगों के नाम पंजीकृत हैं जिन्हें खाना पकाने की गैस का कनेक्शन मिलना है;

(ख) इन्हें कब तक खाना पकाने की गैस के कनेक्शन मिल जाने की आशा है, और

(ग) 1985, 1986 तथा 30 सितम्बर, 1987 तक कुल कितने व्यक्तियों ने अपने-अपने नामों का पंजीकरण कराया है और इस अवधि के दौरान कितने लोगों को नये गैस कनेक्शन दिये गये ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त): (क) 30-9-1987 को इलाहाबाद जिले में लगभग 17,500 व्यक्ति प्रतीक्षा सूची में दर्ज थे।

(ख) इलाहाबाद सहित पूरे देश में तेल उद्योग द्वारा उपभोक्ताओं के नामांकन के लिए अपने वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के अधीन नये वितरणशिप के नेटवर्क को बढ़ा कर एल. पी. जी. कनेक्शन जारी किये जाते हैं बशर्ते कि एल. पी. जी. की उपलब्धता और बाटलिंग क्षमता में वृद्धि हो।

(ग) 1985, 1986 के दौरान तथा 30 सितम्बर, 1987 तक पंजीकृत व्यक्तियों की संख्या तथा दिए गए कनेक्शनों की संख्या इस प्रकार है :

वर्ष	पंजीकृत व्यक्तियों की संख्या	जारी किये गये नये कनेक्शनों की संख्या
1985	3548	5926
1986	7924	4156
1987 (30-9-87 तक)	3017	2269

Completion of Fertilizer Plants on HBJ Pipeline Route

885 SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the HBJ pipeline is being completed on schedule;

(b) whether the fertilizer plants proposed to be constructed on the HBJ pipeline route are also being completed as per the schedule;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay, and

(d) what is the loss to the exchequer due to the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Three Fertilizer Plants at Shahmadhopur, Babiala and Shahjahanpur are expected to be delayed. The delay is on account of the delay in getting clearance of the sites from environmental angle and consequent delay in the acquisition of land and other site related activities.

(d) The loss to the exchequer on account of royalty and sales tax cannot be estimated at this stage, particularly because the extent of delay in the above three fertilizer plants is not clearly known.

Interim relief to employees of public sector undertakings

886. SHRI GURUDAS :
SHRI CHATURANAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Trade Unions in the public sector undertakings in West Bengal have given a call

for an indefinite strike by the end of November to protest against the Central Government's refusal to pay interim relief to its employees in the State; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) It is a fact that the local unions have served notices on the managements of certain Central public sector undertakings belonging to the engineering, textile and Jute sectors located in West Bengal for going on indefinite strike from the end of November demanding payment of interim relief.

(b) The matter is under consideration

National Small Industries Corporation Limited

887. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Small Industries Corporation Limited has initiated proceedings in a court of law against some erring firms/individuals who owe some amount of money to it;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the progress of each such case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Court cases arise out of normal business transactions conducted by 5 regional offices and 12 branch offices of National Small Industries Corporation. These are filed, for recovery of Corporation's dues, by the regional offices in pursuance of the powers vested in them. The position in respect of these cases as on 31-3-87 is as follows :—

Reason	No. of cases	Total amount involevd in law suits (including normal & penal interest) (Rs. in Lakhs)
R.O. Delhi	215	312·01
R.O. Calcutta & Guwahati	136 18	97·44 18·60
R.O. Madras	125	94·02
R.O. Bombay	115	99·97
	609	622·04

The cases are subjudice and are under the purview of the various High-courts.

Production of Cars

888. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the position with regard to the production of various types of cars in the country during the years, 1985-86, 1986-87 and during the first half of the current financial year;

(b) the total sale of these cars in the country during the same period, year-wise,

(c) the number of cars exported during the period; and

(d) the names of countries which are buyers of Indian Cars ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-